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### — NEMA Update on Storm Disaster Response — Recovery Work Continues

#### Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

NEMA's mobile operations center and a field team are located in Beaver Crossing, assisting city and county officials with the response there. Focus continues to be on debris management. Removal of larger stuff

#### Nebraska National Guard

Army National Guard Soldiers from the 92<sup>nd</sup> Troop Command continue on state active duty, assisting local emergency management officials in providing public safety support in the areas affected by the Sunday's storms. The mission is expected to last until Tuesday, May 20

#### Beaver Crossing Town Hall Meeting Monday

The Village of Beaver Crossing will hold a Town Hall meeting Monday, May 19 at 6 p.m. in the Community Building on the northeast corner of Dimery and West streets in Beaver Crossing. The Village Board will hold a board meeting first and then the meeting will be opened up for discussion among the residents.

#### Volunteer and Community Support

Immediate needs in the Beaver Crossing area include tarps for buildings, repair work for roofs, blankets and towels with wash cloths. Items can be dropped off at the Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church

Approximately 227 homes were damaged in and around Beaver Crossing according to Linda Stewart, disaster recovery coordinator of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference. Sixteen homes were completely destroyed and another 22 had major damage. Business and churches have also been damaged. Heavy equipment to remove damaged tree and debris continue to be working in the community. People are asked to stay out of work zones.

Call the Seward County Emergency Management office at (402) 643-4722 or, you can report directly to the fire hall in Beaver Crossing. The fire hall is on the Southeast corner of Dimery and West streets in the middle of town. At the fire hall volunteers will be checked in and then directed to locations where help is needed. You must be at least 19 years old.

More than 325 volunteers registered to work in Beaver Crossing on Sunday.

For those interested in volunteering, please bring or wear the following:

- Driver's License or other government photo I.D.
- Boots or sturdy leather shoes (No tennis shoes, flip flops or sandals)
- Long pants
- Gloves
- Hats
- Sunscreen
- Appropriate clothing to work outdoors
- If available, safety glasses and/or ear protection
- Volunteers are asked to bring rakes or silage forks or hand tools

#### **Four Corners Health Department**

Four Corners Health Department reminds people doing recovery work in Beaver Crossing to make sure they have had a recent tetanus booster.

#### **Power Companies Continuing Restoration Work**

Power restoration work is continuing at Beaver Crossing. Some home on the outskirts have power but work will continue throughout the week.

#### **Unmet Emergency Needs**

Beaver Crossing residents with any unmet emergency needs are asked to come to the fire hall and report those needs.

#### **Financial Donations**

Financial donations to be distributed to the people of Beaver Crossing directly can be given to: The Hope Center and sent c/o The Village of Beaver Crossing, PO BOX 116, Beaver Crossing, Ne. 68313.

Financial donations for the rebuilding of Beaver Crossing's infrastructure, pool, park etc. can be made payable to: The Village of Beaver Crossing and mailed to P.O. BOX 116, Beaver Crossing, NE 68313.

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